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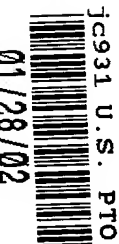
FOR: **SEAL SHAFT SHUTOFF DEVICE AND METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 30 pages comprised of 1 cover sheet, 24 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☐ Priority Claimed from US Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 8 sheets of drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and the assignment recordation fee.
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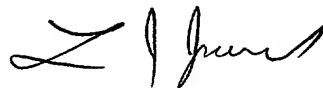
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